

VERMONT STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
Meeting of the Board of Trustees – Conference Call, Treasurer's Conference
Room
July 14, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

Please note all member participated via telephone, video, or teleconference:

Members present:

ROGER DUMAS, Chair, VRSEA Representative (term expiring October 31, 2022)
JEAN-PAUL ISABELLE, VSEA Representative (term expiring September 30, 2022)
ADAM GRESHIN, Commissioner of Finance and Management
JAY WISNER, Governor's Delegate position
THOMAS MOZZER, VSEA Alternate Representative (term expiring October 31, 2022)

Members absent:

BETH PEARCE, VT State Treasurer
ERIC DAVIS, VSEA Representative (term expiring September 30, 2022)
BETH FASTIGGI, Commissioner of Human Resources
ALLEN BLAKE, VRSEA Alternate Representative (term expiring October 31, 2022)

Also attending:

Michael Clasen, VT State Deputy Treasurer
Tim Duggan, Director, Vermont Retirement Systems
Tom Golonka, VPIC Chair
Eric Henry, VPIC Chief Investment Officer
Stephen Barry, Financial Administrator I, Retirement Division
Briana Howard, Retirement Specialist I, Retirement Division
Owen Doherty, Executive Assistant to the Treasurer
Ashlynn Doyon, Director of Financial Literacy and Outreach
Justin St. James, Staff Attorney, Office of the State Treasurer

The Chair, Roger Dumas, called the Thursday, July 14, 2022 meeting to order at 9:05 a.m., which was held by conference call and in-person at the Treasurer's Conference Room, Pavilion Building, 4th Floor, 109 State Street, Montpelier, VT.

ITEM 1: **Agenda approval and announcements**

On a motion made by Mr. Isabelle, seconded by Mr. Wisner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

Mr. Duggan announced the hire of Justin St. James as Staff Attorney for the Treasurer's Office.

ITEM 2: **Approve the Minutes of:**

- June 9, 2022

On a motion made by Mr. Wisner, seconded by Mr. Isabelle, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2022.

Thomas Mozzer entered the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

ITEM 3: VPIC Presentation

Mr. Golonka updated the Board on the progress of the VPIC separation from the Treasurer's Office. Mr. Henry explained the organizational structure and roles of VPIC as well as the metrics of performance used when analyzing investment strategy. He discussed the historical relationship between evolving capital markets and expected risk and how that relationship affects decision-making in the short and long term.

Mr. Henry also updated the Board on management fees as well as ESG factors that VPIC uses when evaluating investments.

The VPIC staff left the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

ITEM 4: Hearing Officer Contract Extension

Mr. Duggan presented the contract extension for Powers & Powers and explained their role as hearing officers in the disability review process.

On a motion made by Mr. Wisner, seconded by Mr. Clasen, the Board voted unanimously to approve a one-year extension of the Hearing Officer contract with Powers & Powers, as presented by staff.

ITEM 5: Empower - SDIA/DC Plan Document Updates

Mr. Duggan presented the plan documents for the SDIA (Single Deposit Investment Account) and State Defined Contribution plan. He explained the plan restatement cycle, bringing the plan documents into compliance with certain federal tax codes that have been updated in that time frame. Mr. Duggan also explained that the Trustee for the State DC plan is the State Treasurer and SDIA is jointly entrusted to the VSERS and VSTRS Boards.

On a motion made by Mr. Wisner, seconded by Mr. Isabelle, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the SDIA plan restatement (using Adoption Agreement No. 001 with Pre-Approved Defined Contribution Governmental 401(A) Plan Basic Plan Document No. 17), proposed by Empower.

Mr. Dumas gave Mr. Duggan his permission to sign both the Hearing Officer contact extension and SDIA restatement on his behalf.

ITEM 6: Disability Recommendation(s) from the June 16, 2022 meeting of the Medical Review Board:

On a motion made by Mr. Wisner, seconded by Mr. Isabelle, the Board voted unanimously

to accept the recommendation of the Medical Review Board for the disability retirement for Debra Hart.

ITEM 7: Adjournment

Mr. Duggan reminded the Board that the scheduled time for the next meeting with Empower was changed from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

On a motion made by Mr. Isabelle, seconded by Mr. Clasen, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:40 a.m.

Next Meeting Date:

The next regularly scheduled VSERS Board meeting is on August 11, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S B G', written in a cursive style.

Stephen Barry
Secretary of the Board
Financial Administrator I